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Historical Society

The Chatham Historical Society is holding its summer meeting on Saturday August 20th. The Society will engage an out of town speaker. The Chatham Historical Society deserves to be visited by all of Chatham's many summer visitors. Among the things which are in its museum on Atwood Street is a spade which lifted the first spade full of dirt for the Chatham Railway which was discontinued and sold last year.

Items of Interest

The Chatham Dramatic Guild held their annual picnic and outting on the 14th at Mrs John Wells residents.

The Chatham Book Shop had a book wagon in its shop on the4th of August.

A professional exhibition of tennis matches was held last week at the Bars Inn Court.

Commodore's Ball

Members of the Stage Habor Yacht Club held their annual Commodore's Ball on August 13th at the Beach Club.

The Band Concert

An oldtimers night will be held this Friday at the Band Concert. Community singing has been planned and the Chatham Hill Billy Band will play. The Band invites every one to come and have a good time. The Band is sponsoring request programs and will try to play any song which you request.

Chatham Scores Easy Victory

On August 14th Chatham met Saganore in a game which was an easy win for Chatham.

In the beginning it was quite a close match but in the 4th inning Chatham scored 3 runs. Chatham later scored two more runs to make the score 5 to 0. It was good weather for baseball.

Fireman's Ball

At the 5th annual Fireman's Ball held at the Chatham Manor, Miss Mary Fitzpatrick was chosen "Miss Chatham". Miss Fitzpatrick is a summer resident. A floor show by the American Beauty Revue was held. About Two hundred persons attended.

Sunday Races

The Sunday Cup Races of the S.H.Y.C. were held on August 14th as usual. All classes except Class B raced out side in the Nantucket Sound starting at Red Nun Buoy No. 4. The Wind was not to high but the waves slowed the boats up considerably. For the first time in severalweeks there were three Monomoy Interclubs No. 3 was raced by Commodore Dutton of the M. Y.C. which is owned by Mr. McKelvey. Winner of the Interclubs who raced the course twice was Jackie Place, the probable winner of the Interclub Cup. Winning in the Cosair Class where three boats raced, was Dave Kennedy, second Alan Mc Clennan. Winning in Class A was Mrs. Maclay in 28. In the Catabout class Dave Maclay first, Johnny Fuller second. Class B, was started by Mr. Stevens, twelve boats entered. Winner Hart Fessendon in the Luck Star. Members of the Yacht Club waited for the protest meeting until six o'clock but there was no protests.

Sylvester Q. Quester's Column will be found on the closing pages.

INWARD POINT PICNIC 11 BOATS ATTEND

August 13: The Stage Harbor Yacht Club held its annual Inward Point Picnic. The boats raced out to the point going the shortest way possible. It was a handicap race will all the boats racing in the same class. First to start was Dick Hovey in the "Lollypop" at 11 o'clock who was followed at intervals by the rest of the boats. Arrivingat Inward Point were 5 Catabouts, 2 Bottle cats, 1 Cosair, 1 Interclub and several other boats.

Winner of therace out was Mr. Kennedy in his Cosair 2nd John Fuller 3rd Mrs. Fuller. An adventurous bunch walked over to the other side of Monomoy to see some boats from the New York Yacht Club, after almost meeting disaster in a swamp they came back with the discription of some VERY ritzy boats. The rest of the picniccrs did some swimming.

After the picnic lunch everyone feasted on Mr. Stevens apples and Mrs. Fullers Marshmallows. By 3:30 most everyone left for home after a very nice day.

Naval Reserve News

Unit five of the United States Naval Communication Reserve although chiefly composed of Chatham young men between the ages of 18 and 35 also includes men from Eastham, Orleans, Barnstable, and Marstonmills who honor the Chatham Unit by travelling up to 25 miles at their own expense in order to receive the more complete training unit five afford.

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The Unit now has 22 enlisted men and 1 commissioned officer, 20 men are now in uniform, each man has this summer received a total of 6 dress orwork uniforms, overcoats, and other clothing items suitable for both summer and winter wear. There has also arrived a total of 35 Springfield Rifles, 6 Revolvers and allthe associated equipment.

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This unit is one of some 260 in the United States and is about the average in size already. Current applicants for enlistment will soon bring the Unit up to maximum permitted strength of 27 Radiomen, 1 Yeoman, 6 Signalmen, and 4 Officers.

Production of Dramatic Guild To Be Held on 20th

The annual production of the S.H.Y.C. Dramatic Guild will be held on the 20th at Exchange Hall in Harwich Center. The play to be presented is "Spring Dance", which was produced on Broadway about 20 yrs. ago. Leading the cast on this comedy of gay college life is Mel Webster as Sam Thatcher and Shirley Haller as Alex Benson. Tickets may be had from Dave Haller.

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The Unite is making use of the former Naval Air Station at Chathamport for Military Drill every Sunday morning at ten A.M. during the summer recess. The Commandant has recommended to the Navy Dept. at Washington that the entire Air Station be turned over to this Unit for its permanent headquarters.

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The Naval Reserve Act of 1938 recently enacted into law will very likely qualify this Unit to receive drill pay starting next fiscal year under conditions similar to that now enjoyed by the fleet reserve.

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By Samuel Freedman

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Bicycle Column
by
Patty Troxell

It was a warm sunny day, not at allthe sort for a game, but Patsy Jones decided to have one anyway. She got out her bike and she and her sister went over to Riverside Park. They decided to play bicycle tag. Bicycle tag is a game the Jones family invented. A certain person is on the bike and the other person is "it". If "it" taps the rider hegets to ride and the rider becomes "it". If he is not tapped he gets to ride around the park. Patsy had just passed her sister licketty split and was going so fast that she bumped into the park bench. There was a loud CRASH and when Patsy's sister dared look again she saw a rather amusing sight. Jane was all mixed up in the bicycle or the bicycle was mixed up in Patsy. It was hard to distinguish which. When the wreck was picked off her , she stood up saying that she was not hurt. She got on the bike to ride it around the park. She had gone a little way when her sister noticed that thebicycle insisted on turning to the right, and, try as she would, Patsy couldn't make it turn left. So Patsy , after getting her free ride didn't get it at all.

Marine News
by
Ellen Fuller

The Junior Crew went to Edgartown but were defeated. The Junior Crew are improving each year. Next year maybe they will have a chance for the Sears Bowl finals.
Sunday P.M. movies were held at the Y.C. The films were of the Dinghies at Tech. (M.I.T.) They also consisted of films taken by Jack Place,of the Edgartown Regatta and the opening of the S.H.Y.C. The Sunday Cup Race was held outside the Harbor except for Class B. Some men who came to take pictures of the boats, were disgusted to find they could take pictures only of Class B. The contestants in Class B were thrilled to have their pictures taken. The Yacht "Riptide" has just returned from a voyage to Nova Scotia Among the few chosen guests was Dave MacLay, who caught a 500 lb. tuna fish. As per usualDave Maclay came in first Sunday.

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I'm sure all of us at some time or other have wished that bicycles either didn't have rubber covers on their handlebars or that someone would invent a gadget to make them stay on. In the Jones family Patsy has had quite a time with her covers.

Barkley's Victory

One of the most interesting primary fights has just taken place in Kentucky, Senator Alben W. Barkley ran against Governor A. B. Chandler for U. S. Senator in the primaries.

The primaries, were held on August 6th and was very exciting. I. President Roosevelt gave Barkley his support. Senator Barkley is senate majority leader. The election was noticed by everyone because the President gave Barkley big support. Chandler seeing he was defeated telegraphed Barkley that he would support him.in the general elections Barkley on the last count had a lead of almost 60,000 (August 8th) It looks like Barkley has the general election too. F. B. Gilbert

Doing's
Mrs. Louise Haller

The Mather girls landed in New York yesterday after a trip to Europe.

Arthur Wholly is planing to go to the New Bedford Vocational School in September.

We extend a cordial welcome to Mrs Marquand who has rented Mrs. Bartow's new house. The new fence around the S.H.Y.C. is awfully cute.

Day, Night, and Std Time

The sun is shining on some part of the Earth allthe time and the shining of the sun makes the difference between day and night. Wherever the sun is shining it is daytime and where the sun is not shining it is night time. In other words, at whatever speed the Earth revolves toward the light one half is always light and the other half always dark.

One half of the earth which is continually revolving on its axis is facing the sun and, is therefore, in the day light, which the other half ofthecarth surface is in darkness because the light of the sun does not strike any portion of it.

If the earth did not revolve one half of it would always be in the day time while the other half would be continually having night time. As the earth is always moving or revolving the half where it is day time isconstantly changing, so that the day isbeginning onone half thecarth surface every second of the day. We havecome to measure the beginning of day as sunrise, and the beginning of night as sunset wherever we happened to be.

For convenience in setting clocks and in measuring time we do not take into consideration these very slight differences in the rising and setting of the sun, but set out clocks all alike in different parts of the same town or city to avoid confusion. In fact in order to overcome the difficulties and confusions arising in reckoning the time of the clock in different, and still keep the beginning of what we call, day-time, constant with the hands of the clock, we have agreed with what we call standard time. We argued upon this system of fixing standard time because the actual sun time by which the people set their clocks up to a few years ago led to so many mistakes. People insisted onsetting their clocks to standard time, and others sticking to the old sun time schedule. Then when this system of standard time was adopted the confu sion became even worse, and mistakes more numerous.

Finally however, most of the people came to appreciate thatit would be a good idea to use one uniform system of setting the clocks and of having them in harmony in a sense with the other clocks in the world, and this adoption of the standard time plan became universal. To make this system practical, and effective certain points about equally distant from each other were selected at which point the hour would change forall points within that zone . Under this system all time pieces in any one zone would point to the same hour. So the clock time changes only as you go east or west. All points on a north and south line have the same time as the zones in which it is located. For convenience in U.S. the country was divided into 4 zones east to west, Going around the world from east to west you would lose one whole day, and from west to east you would gain one day. Record trips are made from west to east.

By a Friend.

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CHATHAM ITEMS * BY SYLVESTER S. QUESTER

AN EDITOR GOES VISIT* ING

One of our editors journeyed last Thursday with his parents to Oyster Harbor, to lunch with Judge and Mrs. Lehman of New York, Mrs. Lehman, distinguished daughter of Nathan and Lina Straus, of revered memory, by the gracious hospitality she dispenses, in her perfect household, truly carries on the family tradition in this regard - for a visit with her parents was an experience long to be remembered and this may in truth be said of our visit.

As we were about to leave Judge Lehman showed us two of his treasured possessions- a photograph of Justice Cardozo and his twin sister, as children, and an ancient bronze a recent addition to his collection, - which he had brought with him to the Cape for further study.

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P. R. ARRIVES, BUT GETS ONLY A PART OF HIS PRO* MISED WELCOME

We are pleased to announce the arrival of Paul Raushenbush, for an infinite variety of reasons, but must however confess with great regret, we were a bit shy in the staff welcome we promised him in our last issue because one of our editors was becalmed in Stage Harbor on Dick Hovey's "Lollypop".

WE MISSED OUT ON THESE ALSO

To forestall any possible criticism we must admit also that while we intended to review the Art Exhibit at the M.E. Church by the time we got around to it the exhibit had closed. By way of atonement the staff sought and obtained reliable information regarding the exhibit which justifies us in stating it to have been a success in every respect. The tennis matches were passed up as we have yet to develop a member of the staff with sufficient knowledge to do a tennis review.

S.H.Y.C. RACING ON AUG* UST 7TH MOST INTEREST* ING OF THE SEASON

There was not the usual but quite a considerable turnout of sailing boats in spite of the windiest and choppiest weather for a Sunday race within our recollection. The unusual sailing weather brought out a large gallery of spectators on both piers and the balcony of the Monomoy Yacht Club. Jerry Allen sailing "The Snail" tipped over before the races started and he and his crew sat complacently on the overturned hull until the Coast Guard boat took them off. Several other boats almost followed suit. Nina McAlpin's boat shipped so much water both before and during the race that she was forced to quit. There was a general demandfor additional crews.

Many spectators were much thrilled when a very attractive matron, who was to crew for her daughter, one of our glamorous summer visitors, plunged into the harbor in all her sailing finery and waded to her daughter's boat. The weather led Eric Olson to keep the course inside the harbor.

Much credit is due the winners in view of the highly unfavorable racing conditions. Alan McClennen carried off the honors in the Corsair Class, Johnny Fuller did likewise in the Catabout Class, and Hart Fessenden recorded his usual performance in Class B, by winning that race.

PROFESSOR AND MRS. GEORGE FORSYTHE

Prof. Forsythe who teaches archaeology and modern architecture at Princeton University is paying his first extended visit to Chatham with his wife and three children. Mrs. Forsythe and her husband are much impressed with Chatham, and we hope their wish to become permanent summer residents, reflected in their search for a home or a site for one may be realized, for Chatham can ill afford to lose these interesting and delightful visitors.

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Sylvester Q. Quester Column Continued

WE BELIEVE THIS TO BE DOUGLAS MCCLENNEN'S FIRST PRESS NOTICE

Douglas who is about four years of age chaperoned by his grandparents visited two distinguished residents of Chatham the other day and as was to be expected acquitted himself with much credit on this highly important test.
He is the second of the seven McClennen grandchildren, Walter, the oldest who frequently takes part in the racing at Stage Harbor, is the son of the Bernard Knollenberg recently designated - Librarian of Yale University.
We are reliably informed Douglas is the owner of a bootlecat, given to him by his parents because already to a remarkable degree he shows the family fondness for sailing, a quality of his which must thrill his grandfather, "The Commodore".
Douglas is thus probably the youngest boat owner on the Cape, and for that matter it has even been suggested, anywhere else.

AN ORIGINAL IDEA

Mrs. Winifred Shepard, a teacher of English and History at the local high school, is personally offering for sale a collection of furniture, furnishings and heirlooms formerly belonging to her parents and grandparents at a shop located on the easterly side of upper Main St. south of the old Post Office. The selling process is so novel as to make it deserving of the special mention we give it.

HERBERT H. GRANT

At the head of upper Cedar Street the subject of this item- a native of Chatham - resides. His wife an amiable, fine appearing lady carries her years as well as he does. A road divides their home from that of their daughter Mrs. Arthur Wholly, herhusband and their fine and universally-liked children, Arthur Jr, Janet, and Dale.
A friendly contact with neighbors- summer visitors to Chatham, blossomed overnight into an intimate personal and business relationship covering a period of about a year between those neighbors and Herbert Grant.
In the course of dealings which followed several land transactions and one extensive building operation were involved, for Mr. Grant is not only a builder but was also at this time the owner of much land - and this we wish to stress - he well know these neighbors were keen to acquire.
Yet from the first land deal, when he said " so and so suggests" I ask this price yet I think, mentioning a substantially lower figure would be a fair price", until the relationship was concluded he never by as much as a proverbial hair's breath deviated from the fair and frank attitude just spoken of.
A few minutes conversation was all that was required to close a transaction which at times took hours to record and months to complete.
In the course of an extensive home building operation, others could deal with decorative features and details which have crept into building even on Cape Cod - he, a builder in the true Cape Cod manner and tradition, where simplicity and strength of construction are the prime consideration. concerned himself with the foundation, fireplace, chimney , mooring of the structure, windows, doors, quality of the material and kindred matters. He not only supervised but worked as well in the actual construction.
In whatever he did he not only reflected these qualities as a builder but a deep sense of responsibility as well. He was living in semi-retirement at that time and was virtually drafted into the building operation only agreeing to come in on condition

Sylvester Q. Quester
Column Continued

he be permitted to share the responsibility of the building operation with a building companion of his more active days.
He made the construction of a home, not involving a specified contract-for a figure - but one in which the owner furnished all materials and also paid for all the labor involved directly- almost always more or less of a nightmare - a great experience.And not a single misunderstanding or dispute developed during the entire period of construction work. Had we the inclination to sermonize we could draw several interesting implications from what we have written. We believe this course unnecessary . We however wish Herbert Grant to know that those who reactions we have here attempted to record, speak of him often and gratefully in this connection although they well know the course of dealing here described is but typical of many others that preceded it and which will follow until he ultimately retires. We reluctantly leave this item. Perhaps some day we may recur to it, to do it further Justice.

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LAST MINUTE FLASHES

Dr. David Haller has arrived from Rochester, N.Y.
Anne Jensen is visiting Clara Baker and Nancy [illegible], who are ably showing her Chatham.
The Chatham Library has acquired several new books. How about some more books next year just as good.

Book Reviews
By
Alice Gilbert

Learning to Race
by
H.A. Calahan

The book belongs in every home interested in sail boat racing. For it is a good reference book. It will give an answer to any questions about which one is in doubt.

"Captain Cod [illegible] Says"

Do you know that the orange tree was imported to America from Spain by the early farmers.
Frank B. Gilbert

OYSTER RIVER NEWS

The Misses Lienau have acquired a row boat.
A gafted rigged boat from the upper Oyster Pond tipped over in front of theChatter office, the [illegible] Lienaus who have become the Skunk's Neck Coast Guard went out and rescued them very dramatically.

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